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|--|----------------------|
| Massassi (Kaarta)                          | 1663–1854            |
| Mossi (Upper Volta)                        | 15th century to 1896 |
| Porto Novo (Akan)                          | 1688–1913            |
| Oyo  | 14th century to 1823 |
| Quattara (Dyula on Mouhoun, Black Volta)   | 18th century to 1909 |
| Saifuwa of Kanem-Bornu                     | 1068–1846            |
| Segu (Bambara, Niger valley)               |                      |
| Coulibaly                                  | 1652–1757            |
| Ton Djonm                                  | 1757–1766            |
| Diarra                                     | 1766–1890            |
| Serer (Senegambia)                         | circa 1500–1860s     |
| Sokoto Caliphate (Fulbe, Northern Nigeria) | 1804–1903            |
| Soninke: <i>see</i> Ghana                  |                      |
| Sunni (Songhai, Middle Niger)              | 1335–1492            |
| Soso (Soninke, Upper Niger)                | circa 1200–1235      |
| Takrur (Senegal)                           | circa 1–1100         |
| Umarian (Tall, Futaanke)                   | 1852–1893            |
| Wolof (Senegal)                            | 1100–1673            |
| Za (Songhai)                               | 1009–1324            |

### CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Changamire Rozvi Empire | 1684 to 18th century   |
| The Kingdom of Kongo    | circa 1400–1710        |
| Luango (Angola)         | circa 1580–1650        |
| Lunda (Angola)          | 16th to 17th centuries |
| Munhumutapa (Zimbabwe)  | 11th to 15th centuries |
| Ndongo (Angola)         | circa 1500–1683        |
| Torwa (Zambezia)        | 1450–1700              |
| Zulu (Natal)            | 1818–1887              |

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